

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN ADAPTER CARD  
PROVIDING CONDITIONAL ACCESS IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 5           A method and apparatus for an adapter card, for use in a computer, to provide conditional access by the computer to incoming data streams while maintaining the security of information by maintaining a listing of addresses corresponding to data streams which the computer is authorized to receive, receiving and determining the address of a frame, determining whether the frame address matches an address maintained
- 10       in an Access Table, and processing and transmitting only those frames of data streams which the computer is authorized to receive.